

REMARKS

Before examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment to correct the provisional application serial number on page 1 of the specification.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

The present invention claims priority from a provisional application Serial No. [60/151,269] 60/151,629 filed on August 31, 1999 entitled "Management Decision Modeling Software Application" which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into this specification. The present application is related to the application entitled "Branch Effectiveness Model Application" filed on even date herewith (NCR Docket No. 8320) which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety into the specification.